

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are currently pending in the application following entry of the herein amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is requested in view of the above changes, and the following remarks.

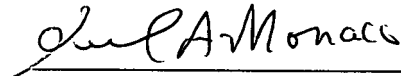
Claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 10 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Baron. Claims 6, 7 and 10 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Tribelsky *et al.* ("Tribelsky"). Claim 9 has been rejected for obviousness over Tribelsky. Claim 8 has been rejected for obviousness over Tribelsky in view of Yoshiomi. Claim 4 has been rejected for obviousness over Baron, in view of Melanson *et al.* Claim 5 has been indicated as being allowable

Without acquiescing in any ground of rejection, and in an effort to advance prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 5, and intervening claim 4. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled. Claims 6 -10 have been cancelled, mooted the rejections of those claims. All claim amendments and cancellations are without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications.

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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